

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:331
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS
MOHAMMED SHAHABUDDIN

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Central Universities which are running correspondence schools at present;
- (b) whether it is a fact that in Delhi University there are very few courses offered under correspondence schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the UGC had decided 15 years ago to set up a separate faculty for the correspondence courses;
- (e) if so, the reasons for not setting up this faculty in the Delhi University; and
- (f) the steps being taken to set up a separate faculty and also to improve the poor condition of the schools of correspondence courses?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

- (a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 331 FOR 20.3.2001 REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS ASKED BY SHRI (MOHD.) SHAHABUDDIN.

(a) At present six Central Universities, namely, University of Delhi, University of Hyderabad, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, North Eastern Hill University and Pondicherry University are imparting education through correspondence and distance mode.

(b) and (c) : The School of Correspondence Courses of the University of Delhi offers the following under-graduate and post graduate courses :

- (i) B.A. (Pass) in 13 subjects.
- (ii) B.Com (Pass).
- (iii) B.A. (Hons.) in Hindi and Political Science.
- (iv) B.Com (Hons.)
- (v) M.A. in Hindi, Sanskrit, Political Science and History.
- (vi) M. Com.

(d) to (f) : The Academic Council/Executive Council of the Delhi University have already decided to convert the School of Correspondence Courses into a Campus of Open Learning with the Faculty of Distance Education. The University is in the process of implementing this decision. With a view to providing development assistance to Schools of Correspondence Courses for transformation of course materials and strengthening of student support services, a Distance Education Council has been established as an apex body at the national level for the open and distance education system.